

substance or goodes, he gyveth it to all men, but useth it so as he may continually helpe therwith ether, and gyveth whan, and where, and on whom it ought to be employed."¹

"In hid thinges doubtfull geve not sodayne sentences,
And certayne judgement in thinges incertayne,
To callers importune, of wordes be suspence,
Redoubling delays till truth be tryed playne,
Better so, then judge, and then revoke agayne,
In sentence remise is lesser injury,

Then in headling sentence pronounced hastily."²

"Mercy is a temperaunce of the mynde of hym that hath power to be avenged, and it is called in latine clementia, and is always ioynd with reason."³ "Therefore among the ancient writers he that much excelleth doth seldom farbeare praising himself. They indeed are not to be borne withal that, having no skill in them, will praise themselves; but we will not take our Courtier to be such a one."⁴

"Be not always speaking of yourself

Be not awkward in manner

Be not bashful

Be not forward

Talk not of yourself at all

Boast not

Angle not for praise."⁵

1. The Boke Named the Governour, p 159.

2. Mirrour of Good Maners, p 21.

3. The Boke Named the Governour, p 145.

4. The Courtier, p 28.

5. Galateo, p 264.